



**WHEREAS**, In 1872, the Nebraska Board of Agriculture set aside a special day called Arbor Day for the planting of trees, in response to a state proclamation urging settlers and homesteaders in that prairie state to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, fruit, fuel, and beauty for residents of the largely treeless plains; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, as well as cut heating and cooling costs, clean the air, produce oxygen, provide habitat for wildlife, and give us a renewable resource of paper, wood, and fuel; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal and Rockville will continue its tree-planting ways; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the 21st consecutive year that The National Arbor Day Foundation has named Rockville a Tree City USA.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, do hereby proclaim April 17, 2010 as ARBOR DAY IN THE CITY OF ROCKVILLE, and urge all citizens to support efforts to care for our trees and woodlands, and to support our city's community forestry program.

Phyllis Marcuccio, Mayor

John B. Britton, Councilmember

Piotr Gajewski, Councilmember

Bridget Newton, Councilmember

Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember

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